Misuse of IAY funds in J&K

2500. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN-SOZ: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Auditor General and Comptroller of India has found that funds amounting to Rupees Two crores were misused in J&K under Indira Awaas Yojana; and

(b) if so, what action has been initiated by the Minister in this behalf?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) In the CAG Report No. 3 of 2003 there is no such mention.

(b) In view of (a) above, the question does not arise.

People in J&K living Below the Poverty Line

†2501. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to State:

(a) whether it is a fact that 58 per cent of the population of Jammu and Kashmir State is still living Below the Poverty Line;

(b) If not, the facts in this regard;

(c) Whether Government have formulated any special scheme to uplift the people of the State economically; and

(d) If so, the facts in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) and (b) The estimated population living Below Poverty Line in J&K is 3.48% as per the Planning Commission's estimate, based on the Household Consumer Expenditure Survey (1999-2000) of the National Sample Surrvey Organisation.

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing the followng major schemes for rural development in all the States of the country, including Jammu & Kashmir.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.